

Walk the Walk – Drive the Drive for a Safer Community!

We all want a safer community. What can we do as individuals to build that safer community **right this minute**? What should we be asking of **ourselves**?

A walkable town depends both on pedestrians being present and visible and exercising their rights, and also on recognizing drivers as a critical part of the same community. **Walk It! Bike It! Lewisburg** suggests that we can all *Walk the Walk and Drive the Drive* for a safer community right now!



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Here are some suggestions:

AS A PEDESTRIAN

- ▶ Recognize that we are almost all pedestrians at some point (even just walking from our cars).
- ▶ Be aware of your rights. See the **Walk It! Bike It!** Crosswalk Law FAQ.
- ▶ Thank or otherwise acknowledge drivers who yield to you at unsignalized crosswalks.
- ▶ Consider carrying a bright handkerchief to enhance your visibility.

AS A DRIVER

- ▶ Embrace driving on Market (so many of us avoid it!) and, when you drive there, show how it should be done. Drive so that you are able to yield. This means driving slowly, alertly, intentionally, and with enough following distance, even at slow speeds, to be able to yield for the waiting pedestrian in the crosswalk that the car(s) in front of you ignored.
- ▶ Make a point of driving 25 mph (or less) as you enter the community: crossing the bridge from Montandon, coming in on River Road north of town, crossing the railroad tracks south of town, coming in from Rt 15.
- ▶ Learn about the **Twenty Is Plenty** concept and campaign. While the speed limit is 25 mph in town and can't be lower because of PA motor vehicle code, that's an upper limit and drivers need to realize that it's possible to go slower. And so much safer!
- ▶ Remember to do all of this even, or perhaps especially, when you're in a rush. We need to remember to respect others even when it's asking a little more of us.



AS A RESIDENT

- ▶ Share this information with your friends and acquaintances.
- ▶ Help out with traffic studies and counts in the community.
- ▶ Promote **Walk It! Bike It!** Fridays—to school, to work . . . what are your current options?

- ▶ Educate yourself. Find out about these groups promoting walkable/bikeable-communities:

Active Towns

Alliance for Biking & Walking

CityLab

League of American Bicyclists

Main Street America

Momentum Mag

National Complete Streets Coalition

PARK(ing) Day

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center

PeopleForBikes.org

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Smart Growth America

Streetsblog

Strong Towns

Sustainable Cities Collective

Tactical Urbanism

The Walkable and Livable Communities Institute

Walk Score

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